

## **Newstead Town Board Meeting- October 13, 2003**

A Public Hearing was called to order by the Newstead Town Board on Monday, October 13, 2003 at the Newstead Town Hall at 7:50 PM.

Present: Gerald F. Summe- Supervisor  
Joan M. Glor- Councilwoman  
Tom George- Councilman  
Harold L. Finger- Councilman  
Jim Ebersole- Highway Superintendent  
Fred Pask- Assessor  
Christine Falkowski- Building Administrator  
Andrew Casolini- Town Engineer  
Dawn D. Izydorczak- Town Clerk

Roll Call was taken with all board members present except Councilman Cummings who left work session feeling ill.

A Public Hearing on public input for the 2004 Erie County Community Development Block Grants was called to order at 7:50pm.

The Town Clerk read the proof of publication.

The Supervisor explained the background of this grant and its possible uses.

### Comments:

David Wakeman of Crittenden Road suggested the purchase of a small Public Address system for use during the Memorial Day Parade ceremonies. It is very difficult to hear speakers at the outside ceremony and could be used for other purposes as well, if this purpose falls within the limitations of the grant.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to close the public hearing at 7:55pm.

A Regular Meeting of the Newstead Town Board was convened at 8:00pm with the same members present as above.

David Wakeman led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes from the previous regular board meeting held on September 22, 2003 and the Special Meeting held on September 29, 2003 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to approve as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**Communications** – The Town Clerk presented the following:

A Certificate of Course Completion was received by Assessor Fred Pask for completion of a course on managing electronic records while at his Lake Placid conference.

A fax transmission from Amherst Central Alarm with their report for September 2003 announcing calls for Akron Fire Co.- 34 and Newstead Fire Co.- 20.

A letter from Akron Fire Co. requesting work session time to discuss a future purchase of fire equipment.

A letter from Akron and Newstead Fire Companies requesting provisions be made for both fire companies to have a repeater station on the new proposed cell tower on Rapids Road.

An announcement from the NYS Comptroller's office of a coming seminar on Finding Funds for Public Water & Sewer Projects, to be held October 22, 2003 via teleconference at several sites throughout the state.

The monthly water sampling report from the Village of Akron was completed on October 7, 2003 with all levels being within acceptable ranges.

A quarterly refuse report from BFI for the months of July 1, 2003- September 30, 2003.

A letter from the NYS DEC announcing a Notice of Complete Application on the Texas Brine Pipeline ROW on Crittenden Road.

A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Finger to receive and file correspondence as presented. Carried Unanimously

**Work Session:** Supervisor Summe reported that work session was held on September 29, 2003 and October 6, 2003 and the following were discussed: White Tail Deer Farm, Airport rezoning, Water District #10, the Senior Center, Schurr Road, drainage issues, the budget, joint town/village items and other topics.

**Privilege of the Floor –**

John Burke, 4820 Crittenden, questioned numerous line items in the Tentative 2004 Budget including, but not limited to: The estimated fund balance and what it will be on December 31<sup>st</sup> this year, cultural & recreational grant money guarantees, no change in the Town Clerk's salary, increases in building & grounds fund, increases in unallocated insurance & bonds, Seniors personnel and health care insurance and pension costs for employees. He also questioned if the costs for a sound system were budgeted and where. He stated he would still like to see the board begin to tape record meetings.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to approve several budget transfers as detailed and requested by Bookkeeper Kathleen Strobele.

**Approval of Bills** -Councilwoman Glor reported that she had reviewed the Abstract from Batch #197 & 198 from the 9/22/03 meeting with the previously UN-audited vouchers and found everything in order. She presented Abstract Batch # 203 & 204. Vouchers on this abstract numbered 2452-2465 and 2466-2533 totaling \$105,892.64 and were presented for payment approval by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman George to approve payment.

Abstract Batch 203 & 204:

General Fund (A) -\$21,099.63, Fund (B) \$92.96, Highway (DA) -\$0, Highway: Outside Village (DB) \$46,488.13, Capital Projects- WD#5-Phase II (HC) \$9,151.99, Senior Center (HF)- \$807.08, Sewer Dist. #2 (HJ)- \$0,CAP- Library Fund (HE)-\$2,210.10, Fire Protection (SF) \$2,135.69, Refuse (SR) \$19,029.65, Sewer Fund (SS) \$1,218.75, and Water Districts (SW1) \$2.64, (SW2) \$80.45, (SW3) \$69.63, (SW4) \$102.40, (SW5) \$2,322.56, (SW6) \$300.70, (SW7) \$451.99, (SW7A) \$72.86, (SW8) \$29.26, (SW9) \$226.17, Trust & Agency (TA) \$0, Totaling \$105,892.64 Carried Unanimously

**COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Highway** – September's big metal pick-up was 36.81 tons of metal at \$25.00/ton. The town received a check for \$920.25. 2 salt spreaders were sold to other townships for \$200 a piece. There will be a \$.16 increase in the cost of trucking salt this winter, but we could be saving as much as 42% on other items. The bike path restoration will be completed this week. No trespassing signs were removed from the bike path in the Utley Road area. 5 projects were done with the bulldozer rentals on drainage and ditching. The 2004 mowing contract has been submitted to the state.

**Assessor** – 2004 Update project- data analysis of sales field review will begin shortly. Will be scheduling some open meetings on assessments and how they are figured.

**Building Office** –the following building report was presented by the Building Administrator Christine Falkowski:

Douglas Bain	6380 Hake	One Family Home
Bruce Beebe	6822 Cedar	Concrete pad
Vivian Wheat	12434 Swift Mills	Garage
Russ Sampson	12489 Hunts Corners	One Family Home
Richard Lauricella	6911 Maple	Garage
Julie Klotzbach-Bisson	8191 Cedar	One Family Home
Gerald VanBuren	13035 Main Rd	Alteration- Tanning Salon
David Hofmeier	12400 Buckwheat	Storage Shed
Walter Cherry	12121 Nice	Storage Shed
Michael Cran	12588 Brucker	One Family Home
Mike Cheman	12383 Stage Rd	Addition
Ted Grundas	13756 Main Rd	Fire reconstruction
Richard Smith	8482 Maple	Roof
Joseph Healey	5220 Crittenden	Windows,roof,siding
Dalton Edwards	5821 Cummings	Garage
Laverne Heble	11212 Hunts Corners	Garage
Vivian Wheat	12434 Swift Mills	Garage demolition
Millard Young	12260 McNeeley	Pipe Permit

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilwoman Glor to accept and approve the building report and Rebecca Bakers Zoning Report as presented. Carried Unanimously

**Town Clerk-** Final date for non-penalty payment of taxes is Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Shirt orders are now being taken and should be in as soon as possible. The basement door on the Denio building is being re-keyed.

**Attorney for the Town-** Alabama water district- contract and maintenance agreement needs to be worked on as soon as possible in conjunction with the village. Costs need to be figured. The contracts should be in place within 2 months.

### **COUNCILPERSONS**

**Cummings** – Not present

**George** – Nothing at this time

**Glor** – Refuse and recycling update: 16,053 residents serviced, 515.48 tons of waste and 105.31 tons of recycling were processed for the town this past quarter by BFI.

**Finger** – work is in progress for grant received on Denio building restoration and the DEC has been in for an inspection already of the project.

**SUPERVISOR** – August Supervisors report is on file with the Town Clerk for inspection.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Water District #5- Phase 3 & 4** – waiting for Sergi to finish work.

**Water District #10-** The Supervisor, Town Engineer and Town Attorney will be at a seminar in Syracuse this week for Rural Development Funding of Water Projects and at a seminar on DWSRF next week.

**Town Wide Drainage-** Nothing new

**Christian Airmen Re-Zoning-** Proposed law is in for legal review.

**Senior Center-** a meeting was held today. They are starting to order furniture. Gas service will be hooked up by week's end. They are working on drywall. 5 weeks out to completion date. Networking and cabling need to be addressed before drywall and ceiling are finished.

**Sewer Project-** Nothing new

**AT & T Cell Tower-** going before Zoning Board tomorrow night.

Other- nothing

**NEW BUSINESS**

**WD#10-Lateral Restriction Hardship Exception Policy:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman George approving the Lateral Restriction Hardship Exception Policy regarding the new Water District #10 project.

(Resolution Attached)      Ayes- 4                      Nay-0                      Carried Unanimously

**Special Use Permit- 5498 Barnum Road:**

A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Finger approving the site plan for White Tail Deer Scents at 5498 Barnum Road subject to the restrictions set forth in the agreement.

(Resolution Attached)      Ayes- 4                      Nay-0                      Carried Unanimously

**Reserve Fund Creation- Highway Facility:**

A motion was made by Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilwoman Glor authorizing the Supervisor to establish a reserve fund to be set aside for the future construction of a highway facility.

(Resolution Attached)      Ayes- 4                      Nay-0                      Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman George authorizing the publishing of a Notice of Public Hearing on the proposed 2004 Budget on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003 at 7:45pm at the Newstead Town Hall.

Ayes- 4                      Nay-0                      Carried Unanimously

Other:

**WD#10 Authorization Professional Services:**

A motion was made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Glor approving the professional services of Wendel Duschcherer for the pending Water District #10 project.

(Resolution Attached)      Ayes- 4                      Nay-0                      Carried Unanimously

**Question Period-** None

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Councilwoman Glor, seconded by Councilman Finger to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM

Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk